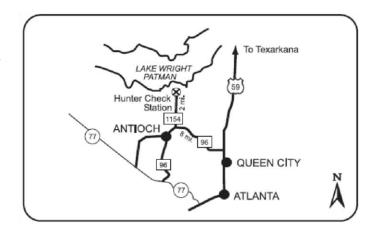


## ATLANTA STATE PARK

## **BACKGROUND:**

ATLANTA STATE PARK is located in central Cass County and is 10 miles northwest of U.S. 59. Near by towns include Atlanta, Queen City, and Texarkana. To reach the park travel from Texarkana south on U.S. 59 to FM 96, drive northwest to FM 1154, from here travel north for 2 miles to Park Road 42. The Department of the Army acquired the 1,475 acres, set in pine forests adjacent to Wright Patman Dam and Lake, in 1954. The hunt area is closed to park visitors only during the public hunts. The entrance fee is waived for hunt participants only. Hunters may use park camping facilities in which the standard fee is charged. For information, please call (903) 796-6476.



## **HUNTING INFORMATION:**

All park rules and regulations must be adhered to unless superseded by special hunting regulations.

Permitted hunters must report to Park Maintenance Area by 11:00 a.m. on the first day of their assigned hunt period. Hunters must contact the area as soon as possible if they are unable to attend their accepted hunt or not able to arrive on the first day for orientation. Standby hunters should also report to the park by 10:00 a.m. on the first day of the desired hunt period to complete the application process. Standby hunters will be drawn at 11:00 a.m. as vacancies permit. Following a brief orientation, park personnel will direct hunters to a hunt area. Hunting will end at 12:00 noon on the final day of the assigned hunt.

Hunters must hunt only from blinds provided, they bring something to sit on, (i.e. bucket, stool, etc.) and only in assigned blind or compartment. Walking around an assigned stand in more than a 50 foot radius is prohibited. Hunters must follow flagged paths from parking areas to stands.

No campfires are permitted except in designated areas on rented campsites.

Hunters must report through the checkpoint when going to or coming from their assigned blind or compartment. Field dressing of deer must be done at the checkpoint.

Hunters must visibly wear a minimum of 400 square inches of daylight fluorescent orange material, with at least 144 square inches appearing on both chest and back and orange headwear.

Non-permitted visitors and family members will not be allowed in the hunt area during hunts except that a non-hunting adult directly assisting a permitted handicapped hunter will be allowed.

Hunters will be responsible for the reasonable care of their game after harvest. No facilities for deer storage will be available on the Park, but several commercial facilities are available nearby.

Hunters are reminded that they must have a valid Texas Hunting License and any required stamp as required by statute. It is no longer necessary to use a hunting license tag or bonus tag for on a deer taken during a Special Permit

drawn hunt however a TPWD Legal Deer Tag, issued at the area, must be attached to a harvested deer prior to leaving the hunt area.

Hunters 17 years of age and older must have in their possession a driver's license or personal identification certificate. Each hunter should also bring a flashlight, food, drinking water, and foul weather gear.

Hunters under the age of seventeen (17) must hunt under the immediate supervision of a duly permitted authorized adult.

Hunters born on or after September 2, 1971 are required to take Hunter Education. (See the Texas Parks & Wildlife Outdoor Annual for more information.)

Disturbance or removal of plants, rocks, artifacts, or other objects is prohibited.

The public display or consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited.

Off road vehicle use and hunting from a vehicle is prohibited, except that disabled persons may hunt from a stationary motor vehicle.

Camping will be available on the park for permitted hunters. Multi-purpose campsites with electricity, water and tent pads will be available for use. Reservations are not required but will be accepted in advance. The normal overnight camping fee will be charged to those hunters using the Park's facilities. Phone (512) 389-8900 for camping information. Adequate lodging is available in Atlanta, Oueen City, and Linden.

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